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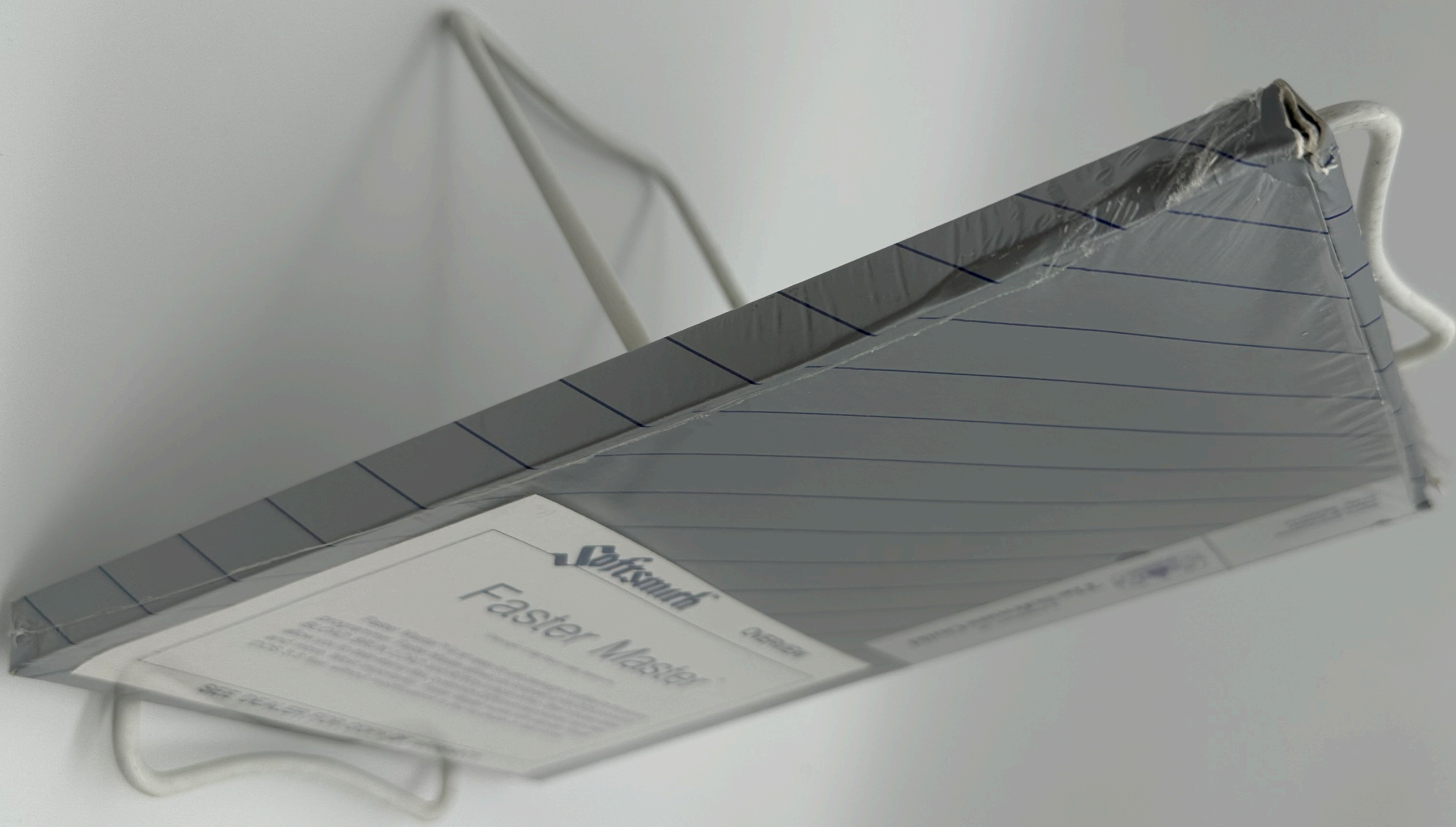
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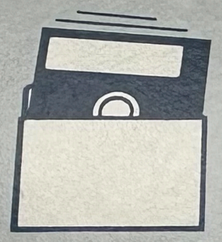

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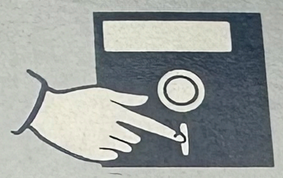

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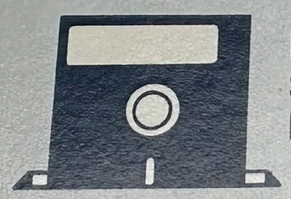

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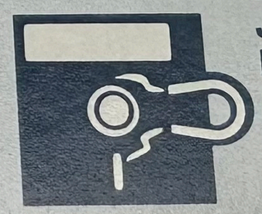

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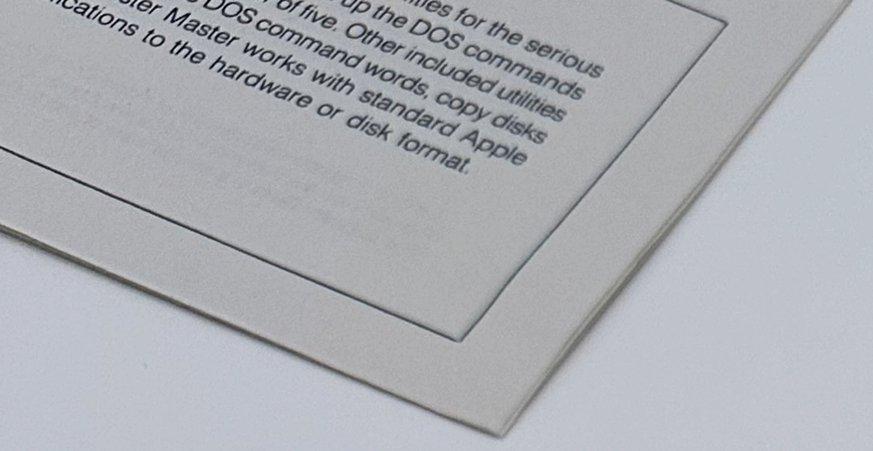
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The current date is displayed at the top of the catalog along with the number of free sectors remaining on the disk. To display the date stamped on each file, type *MON O* then *CATALOG*. The output echo flag must be set to display the file dates.

To access the date from within a program, use the following formulas (M = month, D = day, Y = year 82-97):

```
D = PEEK (46846)
Y = PEEK (46847) / 16
M = 16 * ( Y—INT(Y) )
Y = INT(Y) + 82
```

Special note: Owners of hard disks should keep the file *FASTERMASTER* on volume one, and the different volumes should access *BRUN FASTERMASTER,V1*. Thus you only have to revise the date once, on volume one.

TO USE THE "COMMAND CHANGER" UTILITY

Command Changer allows you to change the DOS command table stored on disk to anything that you want. Some nice changes are converting DELETE to DEL, CATALOG to CAT, etc. The commands only take effect after you have run the Command Changer program and then re-booted the system with the modified disk. To use, just *RUN COMMAND CHANGER*.

TO USE THE "QUICK-COPY" UTILITY

Just *RUN QUICK-COPY*. The destination disk must have been previously initialized.

HOW THE UTILITIES WORK

With all the additions FM makes to DOS, something had to be removed. The only command that is not available after BRUN ing FM is *INIT*. Any utility program that attempts to initialize a disk using the RWTS routine will skip the initialization phase and return with no error, as if the initialization were successful.

The free space routine is at $AE8E. This routine assumes that the VTOC (disk space allocation table) is at $B3BB, and adds the number of bits that are on starting at byte-offset $38 thru $FF.

FASTERMASTER sits at $BEAF-$BFAE (replacing the low-level base init program), replaces the "read range of bytes" routine at $A471 and vectors all *RUN*, *LOAD*, *BRUN* and *BLOAD* commands through $BEB2. Here sectors are loaded straight into memory, by-passing DOS secondary "file slow-down" buffers thus loading just as fast as the *VERIFY* command verifies. This routine uses zero-page $1E-$1F, but restores them to the original contents provided an I/0 error doesn't occur.

The date stamp routine is different from other date routines. Unlike other date stampers that save the date as part of the file name and change the length lookup number in DOS to ignore the tacked-on date, the FM date routine does not use the file name for date storage, but rather uses 2 "unused" bytes in the directory.

In memory $B6FE-B6FF are used to store the current date.

```
$B6FE = date
$B6FF = (82—year)*16 + month
  date = (1—31)
  year = (82—97)
 month = (1—12)
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